



Situation Report 4 Multi-dimensional Crisis in Sri Lanka

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Situation in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka's economic crisis is driving millions of people into poverty, jeopardizing their rights to health, education, an adequate standard of living, and human rights.
- The emergency imposed by Mr. Wickramasinghe will expire on August 18 and he has the power to renew it every month thereafter.
- Thousands of students gathered in Colombo against Sri Lankan government
- Incidents of sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) are reportedly increasing, while the capacity of government services to respond is severely affected.
- The standing paddy crop across most of this major rice growing belt is stunted for the second successive season because of the lack of fertiliser
- Fertilizer shortage is not the only problem for farmers. The country lacks currency reserves to import enough fuel, so there is a shortage of farm machinery and trucks to transport rice to markets.
- Across the country, paddy production during the current "yala" or summer farming season is expected to be half of previous years' average of 2 million tonnes.
- Mr. Wickremesinghe is focused on securing a bailout program from the International Monetary Fund and securing dollars from friendly countries to end shortages of essential goods that have crippled economic activity and pushed inflation close to 70%.
- The World Bank does not plan to offer new financing to crisis-hit Sri Lanka until an "adequate" macroeconomic policy framework is in place, the global funding body has said.
- Australia men's cricket team donate tour prize money to assist Sri Lanka in economic crisis
- Sri Lanka continues to experience an unprecedented economic crisis with high inflation, rising commodity prices, power shortages and lack of fuel.

Situation Updates



People need assistance - 5.7M



People who need essential medicine- 1.97M



People who need food - 4.9M including 238000 pregnant and lactating women



People who need protection - 960000



Students who need support for education - 1.2M



People who need nutrition- 2.43M



People who need drinking water - 2.6M



People who need agricultural and livelihood support - 3.45M

Humanitarian Response

NGO Preparedness and Response

Response:

- Dry ration packs have been distributed to **Sri Lanka Red Cross** teams among communities in Sri Lanka
- In order to support children's education amid the current economic crisis, the **Sri Lanka red Cross** continues to provide stationery packs in children in different school throughout the Ratnapura district with support of the **IFRC**
- Covid 19 still looms large over Sri Lanka, affecting the lives and livelihood of vulnerable communities. So, with **IFRC** support, **Sri Lanka Red Cross** has been supporting the economically venerable via unconditional cash grants
- Over 40 **Sri Lanka Red Cross** Monaragala branch volunteers offered first aid services to those who required it at the Esala Perahera Festival in Kataragama with support of **ICRC** and in coordination with **SL army** and medical professionals
- **OCHA** is responding to education, Protection, Health, Water & Sanitation, nutrition, Food security and agriculture sectors effectively.
- A portion of the property at Nainamadama was recently cultivated by **FPA Sri Lanka** with various crops in light of the economic crisis, rising costs and food shortages.
- **UNFPA** appeals for USD 10.7 million to meet urgent needs of women and girls in Sri Lanka



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